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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/518,545  
Confirmation No. : 9542  
Applicant : Ugenio Ferreira Da Silva Neto  
Filed : 03 Jan. 2005  
Title : Method providing protection from unauthorized  
access to a field device used in process automation  
technology  
TC/A.U. :  
Examiner :  
Docket No. : DASI3002/FJD  
Customer No. : 23364

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

51 Please amend this application before examination on the merits in accordance with the following particulars.

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of the application, please amend the claims as shown in the following LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, which indicates the status of all the claims in the application and all amendments to the claims. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves all rights to the original disclosed and claimed subject matter.

**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.